



World War II role of Oak Ridge National Lab featured in second 70th anniversary lecture

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Shared national security mission with Los Alamos highlighted

LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO, February 4, 2013—Los Alamos National Laboratory continues its 70th anniversary lecture series at the Bradbury Science Museum at 5:30 p.m., Feb. 13 with a talk by Y-12 National Security Complex historian Ray Smith about that laboratory's role during World War II and the shared national security mission with Los Alamos that continues today.

Smith has worked at the Tennessee facility since 1970, becoming its official historian in 2005. Soon after assuming this role he led the first-ever public tours of selected Y-12 National Security Complex historic buildings and began facilitating the creation of a formal Y-12 history center that opened in 2007. Initially at Y-12 Smith was an electronics technician. Subsequently he supervised craft workers that maintained nuclear weapons production facilities. From 1994 through 1999, Smith served as associate director of the site's facilities management organization.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, Smith completed Air Force Technical School training in electronics and attended the University of Tennessee. He holds a certificate from the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business and is a member of five historical societies.

[Bradbury Science Museum](#) is located at 1350 Central Ave., in downtown Los Alamos. All events at the Bradbury Science Museum are free and open to the public. Seating is limited to the first 100 attendees so interested parties should arrive early.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m., Sunday and Monday.

Throughout 2013, Los Alamos National Laboratory will be celebrating its 70th anniversary of service to the nation. This free lecture series is a part of a number of activities planned to mark the anniversary.

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